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COMMUNICATION IN CONNECTION WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.60 FILED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

Dear Sirs:

This is a Communication in connection with Applicants' Request for a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60 that was filed on September 30, 1992. The parent application is still pending under Serial No. 07/548,348 (filed on July 2, 1990).

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In their September 30, 1992 Request for a Continuation Application (copy attached herewith as Exhibit A), Applicants inadvertently failed to mark an "X" under item 7 on page 2 of the Request. Item 7 of the Request should have read "Cancel claims 2-203," which were the claims presented in the true copy of the prior application.

In order to clarify their September 30, 1992 continuation request, Applicants are further requesting herein that the Application Branch cancel claims 2-203 in the true copy of the prior application, thereby leaving claim 1 as the sole claim for purposes of processing their continuation request. Applicants also filed a Preliminary Amendment concurrently with their continuation request. It is their understanding that the claims presented in that paper will be added to the application by Group 1800 when the application is later transferred from the Application Branch.

Concurrently with their September 30, 1992 continuation request, Applicants through their attorney had filed a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time (copy attached as Exhibit B) in connection with the parent application, Serial No. 07/548,348, and they had authorized payment from Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the \$100 fee. On October 8, 1992, Applicants filed a Request for an Extension of Time to cover the second month of extension (copy attached as Exhibit C). Payment of \$250.00 for the additional second month extension (\$350.00 less the \$100.00 previously paid on September 30, 1992) was authorized from Deposit Account No. 05-1135. The additional extension request (second month) was filed on October 8, 1992 in order to allow the Application Branch to process this Communication and well as the September 30, 1992 continuation request by maintaining pendency between the subject continuation application and the parent.

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Authorization is also hereby given to The Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account 05-1135 for any other fee(s) due in connection with their Request(s) for An Extension of Time and/or their September 30, 1992 Request for a Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.60, and to credit any overpayment thereto.

In order to expedite the processing of the continuation application, Applicants have arranged for their Washington associates to this Communication in person with the Application Branch.

Applicants and their attorney sincerely regret any inconvenience this matter may have caused The Patent and Trademark Office, and more particularly, the Application Branch.

The Application Branch is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 212-856-0876 if any further clarification or information is needed to complete the processing of Applicants' September 30, 1992 continuation request.

Respectfully submitted,



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